

Monitoring sessions must be a minimum of 4 hours each in order to collect accurate data. Monitoring sessions that are less than 4 hours in duration cannot be used. You may spend more than 4 hours within the monitoring area so long as you make accurate note of the total time monitoring. You may not monitor the same area more than once per 24 hour period of time, but you *can* monitor two adjacent areas in the same day.

If more than one monitoring area is traversed in a day, tally encounters on a separate encounters data form for each monitoring area.

Traveling encounters are people you see and/or hear while traveling in the monitoring area

Tally the **number of people, dogs, or horses encountered** within the monitoring area. Count all people, dogs, and horses seen or heard, no matter how close or far you are from them. If you hike past a camping group, include the number of people you see as traveling encounters.

- a. If you can't get an exact count of the number of people, make your best estimate.
- b. If you see the same group more than once during a monitoring session, record the number of people as another (new) encounter if more than 15 minutes have passed since the first time you saw the group.

Camp encounters refer to the number of other camping groups visible or audible from each occupied campsite. For example:

If you pass an occupied camp, stop a short distance away and count the number of other occupied camps within sight or continuous sound. (Continuous sound refers to sounds like conversation or routine camp activities that can be regularly heard from one campsite to the next.) Under "campsite" on the form, record the trail number and site 'A', marking additional campsites consecutively. (Second camp would then be marked as trail number and site B).

Every encounter should be recorded during a monitoring session. Remember, too, that it is as important to document times when there are no encounters as times when other people are encountered.